IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN HIM, TOO.

...WAS THE 12TH COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS, JUST BEFORE ERWIN.

TRAINING CORPS INSTRUC-TOR SHADIS...

YOU DIDN'T KNOW ?

INSTRUCTOR SHADIS.

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Episode 71: Bystander

THUMP

...YES, I SUPPOSE THE REASON I USED TO SUMMON YOU HERE IN THE PAST WAS TO RAKE YOU OVER THE COALS...

NO! I'M QUITE ALL RIGHT HERE!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SIT, BLOUSE?

...BUT YOU'VE ALL CHANGED SO MUCH I BARELY RECOGNIZE YOU.

IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW MONTHS...

...WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.

AND I GUESS THE LAST TIME **WE** SAW YOU...

...CHANGED A LOT, TOO ...

YOU, UM...

PERHAPS YOU COULD CALL IT THE ONE ACT OF MINE THAT HAD MERIT.

I'D REPLACED MY OWN USELESS SELF WITH SOMEONE TALENTED.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A NEW COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS HAD EVER BEEN NAMED WHILE THE OLD ONE WAS STILL ALIVE.

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HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHY WE'RE HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU JUST AS WE MAY HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO RETAKE WALL MARIA?

COM-MANDER SHADIS... I MEAN, INSTRUC-TOR.

BUT...

...!

EREN... YOU REMIND ME OF YOUR MOTHER.

...ARE UNMISTAK-ABLY YOUR FATHER'S.

THE FANGS LURKING BENEATH THOSE EYES...

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TELL ME EVERY-THING YOU KNOW!

TELL ME, PLEASE!

THUNK

...

...I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING.

TO BE BLUNT ...

I WAS JUST A BYSTAND-ER.

BUT HERE'S WHAT I REMEM-BER.

BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR A STORY WITH NO BENEFIT WHATSOEVER TO HUMANITY, I'LL TELL YOU.

WE MET OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

I MET GRISHA... TWENTY YEARS AGO, NOW?

THEN, JUST OUTSIDE THE SHIGANSHINA GATE IN WALL MARIA...

WE WERE RETURNING FROM AN EXPEDITION, AND I REMEMBER THE TITAN ENCOUNTER RATE WAS MUCH LOWER THAN NORMAL.

HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE WALL?!

HEY, YOU!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

...HE APPEARED.

WH-WHAT ABOUT YOU PEOPLE? WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUTSIDE THE WALLS...?

DON'T TELL ME...

YOU AREN'T FIGHTING, ARE YOU?

UHH ...

UH ...

DO YOU... NOT KNOW WHO WE ARE?

...?!

SURVEY ... CORPS ?

CAN'T YOU TELL? WE'RE THE SURVEY CORPS.

WE CAN TALK ONCE WE'RE INSIDE THE WALL.

RIDE WITH ME FOR NOW.

AS FAR AS I KNEW, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS LAW HAD EVER BEEN ENFORCED.

I NEVER KNEW IT WAS A CRIME TO VENTURE INTO TITAN TERRITORY WITHOUT PERMISSION...

DOESN'T THE LAW ALSO SAY YOU GET THROWN IN JAIL IF YOU DRINK WHILE ON DUTY, HANNES?

WELL, WHO OTHER THAN YOU BUNCH WOULD EVER BE STUPID ENOUGH TO WANDER AROUND OUTSIDE THE WALL?

THIS POOR SAP CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT WHO HE IS OR WHERE HE CAME FROM, AND WHEN HE CAME TO, HE WAS OUTSIDE THE WALL! SC--HRRK! SCARY STUFF, THAT ALCOHOL!

HE'S A PITIFUL VICTIM OF DRINK, TOO!

DON'T BE SO COLD!

DON'T TELL THE BRASS ABOUT THIS, OKAY?

...YEAH.

IT'S NOT LIKE HE HURT ANYONE.

HE COULD BE SOME SUICIDAL DEBTOR WHO THOUGHT HIS FAMILY'S PROBLEMS WOULD DISAPPEAR WITH HIM.

SO YOU DON'T THINK HE'S LYING?

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING! WHAT A PAIN IN MY...

YOU KNOW THAT NAME'S NOT ON THE BIRTH REGISTERS. YOU GONNA KEEP USING IT?

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO NOW, "GRISHA YEAGER"?

I AM A DOCTOR.

MY NAME ISN'T ALL I REMEMBER.

...HUH.

I CAN BE OF USE THERE.

TAKE ME TO A CLINIC.

SO?

WHOOOOOOOOOOSH

ABOUT THIS WORLD...

ALSO... COULD YOU TEACH ME?

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ALL ABOUT YOU...

ABOUT THE SURVEY CORPS ...

HE WAS A STRANGE MAN.

I WASN'T SURE WHETHER IT WAS DRINK THAT HAD DONE IT, BUT IT DID SEEM THAT SOMETHING TRULY HAD IMPAIRED HIS MEMORY.

HE TRULY KNEW NOTHING.

ABOUT THE HISTORY AND CREATION OF THESE WALLS, NAMES OF PLACES...EVEN THE CONCEPT OF MONEY.

...I SEE.

WHEN I TOLD HIM THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE...

AND HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HOW HUMANS LIVED.

AT THE VERY LEAST ...

...IT'S NOT AS IF YOU'RE LIVING IN FEAR OF THE TITANS.

WHILE THERE MAY BE ECONOMIC DISPARITY, THERE'S PEACE INSIDE THESE WALLS...

...

...
GOOD.

ALL OF YOU...

I GUESS, AS LONG AS THERE'S FOOD AND BOOZE, YOU'RE HAPPY BEHIND THESE CRAMPED WALLS.

HUH ?

"GOOD"...? THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL THINK.

BUT I'M DIFFERENT.

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN STAY HAPPY.

YOU'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW BIG THE WORLD COULD BE, HAVE YOU?

...

SOME CITIZENS ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE ROYAL POLICY OF NONINTERVENTION OUTSIDE THE WALLS. YOU COULD SAY THE SURVEY CORPS WAS CREATED TO MOLLIFY THOSE COMPLAINTS.

...YES, IT IS.

YOU AND THE REST OF THE SURVEY CORPS?

IS THAT WHY YOU GO BEYOND THE WALLS?

...EXAMPLES TO SHOW EVERYONE ELSE HOW CORRECT THE KING WAS...

WE'RE JUST...

ALL WE'VE DONE IS REMIND PEOPLE OF THEIR FORGOTTEN FEAR OF THE TITANS.

...BUT LOOKING AT IT NOW...

DO WE SEEM IDIOTIC TO YOU?

... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

... HAH.

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YOU'RE WISER AND BRAVER THAN ANYONE ELSE INSIDE THE WALLS.

OF COURSE NOT.

YOU'RE THE PRIDE OF HUMANITY.

THE EXISTENCE OF THE SURVEY CORPS IS LIVING PROOF THAT THE HUMAN IMAGINATION AND SOUL ARE FREE.

YES.

PRIDE ...?

US ...?

...

AND YOU, MISTER. YOU SHOULDN'T LET PEOPLE SWEET-TALK YOU LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU TRYIN' TO RECRUIT MY CUSTOMERS AGAIN?

HOLD ON, MISTER KEITH?

THE SURVEY CORPS NEEDS MORE SPECIAL ...

I WOULDN'T BE OF ANY USE TO THEM ANYWAY.

DON'T WORRY.

N-NO, CARLA, I WAS...

OH, DO THEY NOW?

...MORE **CHOSEN** INDIVIDU-ALS...

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAD EVER CALLED ME THAT.

SPECIAL.

CHOSEN.

YES... THAT WORLD...

I NEVER FELT LIKE THERE WAS A PLACE FOR ME WITHIN THE WALLS.

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.

...WAS TOO CRAMPED FOR ME.

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WHEN WILL THE BASE BEYOND THE WALLS BE FINISHED?

ALL YOU EVER BRING US IS CASUALTIES.

MORE MASSIVE LOSSES?

IF I COULD JUST BECOME COM-MANDER, I'D BE ABLE TO GET RESULTS.

KEEP YAPPING, YOU AVERAGE MEN.

USE YOUR LIFE TO PAY BACK THE DEBTS YOU OWE.

HAHAHA

WHY NOT STOP FEEDING THE TITANS AND START DOING SOME REAL WORK?

THEY'LL ALL SEE WHO I REALLY AM.

ON THAT DAY, NO ONE WILL LAUGH AT ME.

EVERYONE WILL FINALLY UNDERSTAND.

I SWEAR, ONE DAY I'LL ACHIEVE SOMETHING SO GREAT EVEN YOUR FEEBLE BRAINS WILL UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE.

YOU PATHETIC VERMIN DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT YOU'RE LIVING IN A RATS' NEST.

GRISHA!!

GRRT

DOC-TOR YEA-GER.

THE BED IN BACK.

...!

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO?!

CARLA HAS COME DOWN WITH THE SICKNESS, TOO!

PLEASE ...

MY... PARENTS... ARE IN EVEN WORSE SHAPE...

DON'T WORRY!

EVERY-ONE WILL BE FINE!

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EXCEL-
LENT! SHE
SHOULD
BE FINE
NOW.

DOCTOR
YEAGER!!
MY WIFE IS
UP AND
ABOUT
AGAIN!

DASH

THANK
YOU,
DOCTOR
YEAGER
!

OKAY!

PLEASE,
DISTRIBUTE
THIS
MEDICINE
IMMEDI-
ATELY!

I
FOUND
A
CURE,
KEITH!

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RETREEEAT!!

IT GOT THE COMMAND-ER!!

WE'RE COUNT-ING ON YOU.

YOU'RE THE NEW COMMAND-ER, KEITH.

CON-GRATULA-TIONS, DOCTOR YEAGER!

WHEN'D YOU TWO MEET?

I WAS WONDER-ING, DOCTOR.

KEITH TOOK ME TO HER PLACE.

I THINK THE FIRST TIME WAS...

RIGHT, KEITH?

IF ONLY WE HAD MORE MAN-POWER...

POWER...

COM-MAND-ER!!

IT'S HOPELESS HERE. WE NEED TO RETREAT !!

DAMN IT!! THE BASE...

RIGHT. WE'LL EXPAND THE RANGE OF OUR ACTIVITIES BY **AVOIDING** BATTLES WITH TITANS.

WE WOULDN'T FIGHT...?

TRY IT WHEN **YOU'RE** COMMAND-ER.

NO.

PLEASE, USE IT IN OUR NEXT EXPEDITION OUTSIDE—

I CALL IT THE LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMA-TION.

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THEY SAY ALL COMMANDER SHADIS IS GOOD AT IS HEAD-ON CHARGES.

YET HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KEEPS SURVIVING HIS EXPEDITIONS. MAKES HIM LOOK AWFUL, DOESN'T IT?

WHY DOES THE SAME THING KEEP ON HAPPENING ...?

HEY... HE CAN HEAR YOU.

HUH... HOPE WE SWITCH COMMANDERS AGAIN SOON.

MEANWHILE, ERWIN'S SQUAD HASN'T LOST A SINGLE MEMBER.

MISTER KEITH?

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...NO.

I WAS BUSY ...

...I'M SORRY.

CARLA ...THIS CHILD ...

HE'S EREN... MY SON.

THE NEWS MUST NOT HAVE REACHED YOU, AFTER ALL.

...MISTER KEITH.

WILL ...

WILL YOU KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL YOU DIE?

YES.

...

MY HUSBAND WAS WORRIED, TOO.

FIRST OFF, BECAUSE THEY LACK IMAGINATION. THEY NEVER FIND ANYTHING MORE VALUABLE THAN THEIR OWN LIVES. SO THEY LIVE AND DIE, SHAMELESSLY CREATING NOTHING BUT SHIT.

DO YOU KNOW WHY AVERAGE MEN CAN LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES AND DIE WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING?

GREAT DEEDS ...

...CAN NEVER BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THOSE ON THE LEVEL OF ORDINARY MEN.

IN FACT, I DOUBT THOSE SCRAPS OF FLESH WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES A DEED GREAT.

CERTAINLY A WORTHLESS INDIVIDUAL WHO SPENDS HER LIFE POURING DRINKS AND COZYING UP TO EVERY MAN SHE SEES WOULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!

NOT EVER.

THAT'S RIGHT.

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AVERAGE MEN AREN'T ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.

ERWIN... WOULD YOU TAKE OVER AS COMMAND-ER?

...I WASN'T ONE OF THEM.

IT'S JUST THAT...

SPECIAL PEOPLE DO EXIST.

I'LL HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE ROYAL CAPITAL TO GIVE MY REPORT.

BUT I HAD TO LEAD SO MANY OF MY COMRADES TO THEIR DEATHS BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO FIGURE THAT OUT.

HOW COULD I HAVE DONE THIS?

THIS WILL BE MY FINAL MISSION.

TITANS ARE CLOSING IN! WALL ROSE IS SUR-ROUNDED !!

WALL MARIA HAS FALLEN !!

KEITH!!

ALL I COULD EVER DO WAS GET SWEPT ALONG WITH THE CROWD.

WHAT CAUSED ME TO OVERESTIMATE MYSELF SO BADLY?

NOW I REMEMBER.

OH...

IT WAS YOU.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF WE CAN'T DEFEND TROST DISTRICT, WE REALLY WILL ALL BE EATEN!

THEY'RE SAYING SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT HAS ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED!

RATTLE

LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH !!

THE SHELTER!! I'M SURE THAT'S WHERE MY FAMILY IS!!

I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR HOW RUDE I WAS ...

WHERE ...

CARLA ...

WHERE ARE YOU?

DAD...

WAKE UP, EREN.

MMH...

STAP STAP ｱﾝﾏ ｱﾝﾏ

THE TITAN ...

MOM ...

IT ATE HER...

THUNK

EREN...

YOU MUST... AVENGE YOUR MOTHER ...

YOU CAN DO IT.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

...

WAIT, GRISHA.

HEY...

LET'S GO.

THE FOR-EST.

DON'T FOLLOW US.

...YOUR-SELF?

WHY DON'T YOU AVENGE CARLA...

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT CHILD DO IT FOR YOU?

WAIT ...

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NOT LIKE ME.

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE SPECIAL.

ARE YOU GOING TO CURSE YET ANOTHER PERSON?

ARE...

WHAT IF HE'S NOT ONE OF THE **CHOSEN** ?

ISN'T THAT CHILD DIFFERENT, TOO?

WHAT IF HE DOESN'T TURN OUT TO BE THE PERSON YOU EXPECT HIM TO BE?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

PLEASE, I BEG YOU...

DON'T GET INVOLVED.

HE'S **MY SON.**

THIS CHILD ISN'T LIKE YOU.

ZAKK

ZAKK

ZAKK

BOOOOOOOOOOOO

RUSTLE

THUN-
DER
...?

FLASH

SO I PUT YOU BACK IN BED.

THAT'S ALL I KNOW.

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IS... THAT ALL?

NOTHING ELSE...?

...NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY AN OFFICER WITH AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS YOU RETIRED TO THIS TRAINING CAMP.

...

YOU CARE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE SPECIAL...? WHAT?

...IT WAS OUT OF FEELINGS OF OBLIGATION AND INFERIORITY TO OTHERS.

...NO.

AS PENANCE FOR ALL MY SUBORDI-NATES WHO DIED FOR NOTHING.

...STOP, HANGE.

IT'S NOT UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THIS INFORMATION IS HELPFUL TO US.

DON'T BRING YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX INTO THIS.

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU'VE RUN AWAY FROM REALITY FOR A CHILDISH REASON.

PLEASE, STOP.

BOOM

ISN'T THAT WHAT IT MEANS TO CAST AWAY YOUR OWN LIFE AND DEDICATE YOUR HEART TO THE GREATER GOOD?!

THUNK

IT'S JUST...THAT I WAS THE SON OF A SPECIAL MAN.

THE INSTRUCTOR WAS RIGHT. ...I WASN'T SPECIAL AT ALL.

I'M GLAD I CAN BE SURE OF THAT NOW...

IN THE END, THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON I WAS GIVEN THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

YOUR MOTHER ...

...CARLA SAID THIS.

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"DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE SPECIAL?"

"DO YOU REALLY NEED PEOPLE'S RECOGNI-TION?"

"I DON'T THINK SO."

"AT THE VERY LEAST, NOT WHEN IT COMES TO THIS CHILD..."

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"HE DOESN'T NEED TO BECOME GREAT."

"WHY WOULD HE HAVE TO BE BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE...?"

"JUST LOOK AT HIM..."

"DON'T YOU SEE HOW CUTE HE IS?"

"HE'S **ALREADY** GREAT."

"BECAUSE HE WAS BORN...

...INTO THIS WORLD."

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THREE YEARS EARLIER

THOSE EYES—

IT'S JUST LIKE HIS FATHER WANTED.

HIS LIFE IS LIKE A BLAZING FIRE.

AND I'M SURE THAT FIRE WILL BURN HIM TO ASHES OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIS MOTHER WANTED FOR HIM.

LIVE YOUR LIFE AS WHO YOU TRULY ARE.

THIS PLACE IS NOT FOR YOU.

BUT IN THE END...

...THAN A BYSTANDER, AFTER ALL.

...I WAS NOTHING MORE...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN POWERLESS TO CHANGE ANYTHING.

ATTACK
ON TITAN